(e) if so, what arc the details in this regard and what action has, so far, been taken against these defaulting industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The Ministry of Civil Supplies, requested B.I.C.P. to conduct a sample study of 10 commonly used consumer articles to find out whether excise duly concessions announced by the Government in the budget have been passed on to the consumer or not. On the basis of this report",out of the 10 items selected, the following industries have more or less passed on the excise duty relief to the consumers :

Biscuits, mopeds, drycell batteries, tooth powder, plasticmoulded luggage.

(b) The B.I.C.P. report has indicated that tea industry and PVC resin industries have passed on the reliefs to the consu mers partially. The report also mentions that they could not come to any conclu sion as the required information was not provided to them by the manufacturers of PVC resin. In respect of tea, the report is of the view that part of the duty concessions given have been adjusted by this industry against the ODVAT loss.

(c) The report has indicated that the following three industries have not passed On the benefits to the consumers :—

(1) Drags,

(2) Cosmetics and

(3) Man-made fibre.

(d) Yes, Sir. A copy of the BICP report has been sent to the Finance Minister by the Minister of Civil Supplies with the request to examine it at their end and take suitable action. The Ministry has also recommended to the Finance Ministry for taking action against those industries which have not provided the required information to the BICP Study Team.

(e) The Ministry of Finance have acknowledged the receipt of the report and stated that they are considering the matter.

District consumer forum

2300. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in the country where no district consumer forum has been constituted so far ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to constitute separate consumer forum in each district in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) A statement indicating position upto 31-7-1993 regarding District Forums functioning in all the States and UTs is enclosed (See below). Except in some States where new districts have been formed, District Forums are functioning in all the districts in the country.

Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 as amended in 1993, the responsibility for constituting separate consumer forum in each district rests with the State Govemments/UTs. They are being vigorously pursued in the matter.

Statement

Position of Implementation of the Consumer Protection Act, 1984 *as on* 31-7-1993:

State/UT	No. of Districts	Postion of District Forums
Andhra Pradesh	23	23 Functioning
Arunachal radesh	12	11 Functioning Approval given for 1 D.F.
Assam	23	23 Functioning
Gujarat	20	20 Functioning
Bihar	50	39 Functioning
Goa	2	2 Functioning
Haryana	16	16 Functioning
Himachal Pradesh	12	12 Functioning
Karnataka	20	20 Functioning
Karala	14	14 Functioning
Madhya Pradesh	45	45 Functioning
Maharashtra	31	31 Functioning
Manipur	8	8 Functioning
Meghalaya	5	5 Functioning
Mizoram	3	3 Functioning
Nagaland	7	7 Functioning
Orissa	27	13 Functioning Approval given for 14 D.F.
Punjab	14	12 Functioning Approval given for 2 D.F.
Rajasthan	30	30 Functioning
Sihhim	4	4 Functioning
Tamil Nadu	22	21 Functioning
Tripura	3	3 Functioning
Uttar Pradesh	63	63 Functioning
West Bengal	17	17 Functioning
A & N Islnds	2	2 Functioning
Chandigarh	1	1 Functioning
D & N Haveli	1	1 Functioning
Delhi	1	2 Functoning
Damn & Diu	2	2 Functioning
Lahshadweep	1	1 Functioning
Pondicherry	4	1 Functioning

No. of State Commission Functioning : 31

No. of District Forums Functioning 452

Total No. ofDistr'rt: * . 483 Approval given : 17